THE MINISTER OF STAE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Government is not aware of any stay given by Court on killing stray dogs or of any considerable increase in the population of stray dogs because of it.

(b) Question doesn't arise.

(c) Municipal Corporation of Delhi has reported elimination of suspected rabies and diseased dogs by painless methods, immunization and sterilization of healthy dogs, management of rabies cases and health education regarding prevention of rabies. Animal Welfare Board of India is providing assistance to animal welfare organisations in Delhi for animal birth control and anti-rabies programme.

Imports of Medico-Electronic Equipment

1764. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that medico-electronic equipment worth Rs. 440 crores is imported annually;

(b) whether Government propose to help indigenous industry to boost production thereof in order to reduce imports; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) According to the Director General of Foreign Trade, though they do not have complete data in this respect, however, as per information available with them, medico-electronic equipment worth Rs. 91.04 crores and Rs. 63.83 crores were imported during 1990-91 and 1991-92 respectively.

(b) and (c) To encourage indigenous manufacture of medical electronic equipment, the Government has recently reduced import duty on component parts required for the manufacture of specified medical equipments.

Fire in AIIMS Complex

1765. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA:
SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:
CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:
SHRI SOM PAL:
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:
DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH:
SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the facts relating to fire which took place in the All India Institute of Medical Sciences Building, New Delhi on 26th April, 1993;

(b) the nature and extent of damages caused to AIIMS buildings, machinery and other equipments and what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that valuable years long research works were ruined to ashes due to the fire;

(d) whether Government have conducted any inquiry to prove the cause of fire;

(e) if so, what are the details in this regard and also the report of inquiry;

(f) whether AIIMS was equipped with fire fighting equipments; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (g) A fire broke out on the morning of 27-4-1993 in the Al India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi causing damage to some of the floors of the teaching block. An enquiry has been set up and the Committee has been asked to submt ts report on all the aspects, whithin one month.

Contaminated Drinking Water in West Bengal

1766. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report published in the 'Pioneer' of 27th April, 1993 under the caption "Contaminated water leads to host of ailments—Epidemic threatens West Delhi Colonies";

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether the residents of West Delhi colonies face an outbreak of jaundice and gastroenteritis due to contaminated drinking water;

(d) the number of persons found suffering from these water-borne diseases; and

(e) what steps Government have taken to stop the contaminated water supply and arrange to supply potable water to the people in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) A survey conducted by National Institute of Communicable Diseases, Delhi in Fateh Nagar, Asha Park and its surrounding areas of West Delhi has revealed an increase in incidence of diarrhoea cases due to evidence of contamination of drinking water.

1007 houses were surveyed at random and it was found that 192 cases were suffering from loose motions and 3 cases from Jaundice.

(e) The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi have already initiated actions for supply of safe drinking water in all vulnerable areas.

Hospital in village Maidan Garhi

1767. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report published in the Hindustan Times of 21st April, 1993 under the caption 'This is Delhi Hospitals';

(b) what steps Government propose to improve the situation;

(c) whether Government propose to speed up the construction of Government Hospitals in outer Delhi on the land already handed over to it to cope up with the problem;

(d) what is the approximate time period within which construction of Hospital Building in village Maidan Garhi, New Delhi is likely to be completed;

(e) what is the area and Khasra Number of land given by village Maidan Garhi for the purpose; and

(f) what is the Givernment's plan to connect the said Hospital with Roads?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Efforts are being made to upgrade the facilities and quality of services in the Government hospitals